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URBAN DISTRICT OF HUNSTANTON.

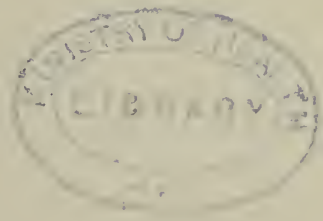
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OF

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER

31st, 1955.

Council Offices,
HUNSTANTON.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
1955.

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar General's estimate of resident population: 3,820

Estimated number of Americans living in the Urban District. 1,200

Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books. 1,291

Rateable value and sum represented by a penny rate: £38,751
£155

Social Condition, including the chief industries carried on in the area, and the extent of unemployment: None.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident Population and Americans 1955 - 22.9.
Legitimate	111	60	51	
Illegitimate	4	3	1	
	—	—	—	Area comparability Factor Births 0.99.
	115	63	52	

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 17.1.
Illegitimate	1	-	1	
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	2		2	

DEATHS

Death from all causes.	48	22	26	Rate per 1,000 estimated population - 12.5.
Deaths from puerperal causes:				Area Comparability Factor 0.71.
Puerperal sepsis	-	-	-	
Other puerperal causes:	-	-	-	

Deaths of infants under one year of age:- 2 (F)
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age:- 1 (F)

<u>DEATH RATE</u>	All infants, per 1,000 live births	17.4
	Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births:	18.0
	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births:	none.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u> <u>F.</u>
	6	1 5
Measles (all ages)	-	- -
Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	- -
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	- -

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has been received or required comment:-

NONE.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: any conditions of occupation or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health; or any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults:-

NONE.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One, part-time Medical Officer of Health; one, whole-time Sanitary Inspector and two District Nurses.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a Daimler Motor Ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society, conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible. (After 1/5/48 taken over by Norfolk County Council, but run for them by the Committee referred to above).
- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurses undertake this.

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| (d) | Treatment Centres and Clinics, including clinics solely for diagnoses or consultation: | This work is undertaken at the King's Lynn Hospital. |
| (e) | Hospitals, Public and Voluntary: | None, other than the King's Lynn Hospital. |

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

A survey of sewers was carried out during the year to assist in the preparation of a report on the Sewage Disposal Works, and also to provide an up-to-date map of sewers in the Urban Area. The flow to the sewage works has increased, due to normal development, and to the completion last year of the sewerage scheme for St. Mary's Ward.

Works on the storm water overflow, damaged during the flooding in 1953 have now been completed.

The following schemes have been completed in St. Mary's Ward:-

- (a) Conversion of pail closets to water closets, so enabling the Night Soil Collection Service to be discontinued.
- (b) The adaption of systems of drainage, previously connected to cesspools, to the general sewerage system.

2. House Refuse.

A weekly collection of house refuse was maintained throughout the year, additional collections varying from twice weekly to daily being made during the summer months from all catering establishments, hotels, sea front kiosks and cafes.

The disposal of refuse is carried out at Redgate Hill Quarry Tip during the summer months and South Beach Tip during the winter months.

A fire which it was found impossible to extinguish, due to the lapse of time before it was discovered, occurred at Redgate Hill Quarry Tip in September. Although some nuisance was caused by the fire, tipping capacity has increased as a result of it and the situation in the district in this respect has been eased for the time being.

Both refuse tips were sprayed at intervals with insecticide liquid to control the breedings of flies and other insects.

3. Water Supply.

The total amount of water pumped during 1955 was 105,594,000 gallons, compared with 97,370,000 gallons in 1954. The amount pumped per month varied from a peak of 12,704,000 gallons in August, compared with 11,278,000 in August 1954, to a minimum of 6,826,000 gallons in January

compared with 6,304,000 gallons in March 1954.

Although drought conditions caused anxiety regarding water supplies in other parts of the country, no shortage of water was experienced in the Urban District.

Twenty-three samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. All supplies *Samples* taken after chlorination were satisfactory.

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS - SUMMARY.

<u>Before or After Chlorination</u>	<u>No. of Samples Taken</u>	R E S U L T S		
		<u>"Highly Satisfactory"</u>	<u>"Satisfactory"</u>	<u>"Unsatisfactory"</u>
Before	13	8	2	3
After	10	9	1	0

4. Public Conveniences.

There are six blocks of public conveniences in the Urban District controlled by the Council. Of these 3 blocks were open all the year round and 3 for the summer months only.

Full time attendants were employed at 3 blocks of conveniences during the summer months and were maintained in a clean and satisfactory manner. At the remaining 3 blocks of conveniences, cleaned part-time by Council Employees, conditions were not always entirely satisfactory, due to the heavy use and sometimes to the manner in which they were being used by the general public. More frequent visits by the part time attendants is necessary at these conveniences to ensure a high standard of cleanliness.

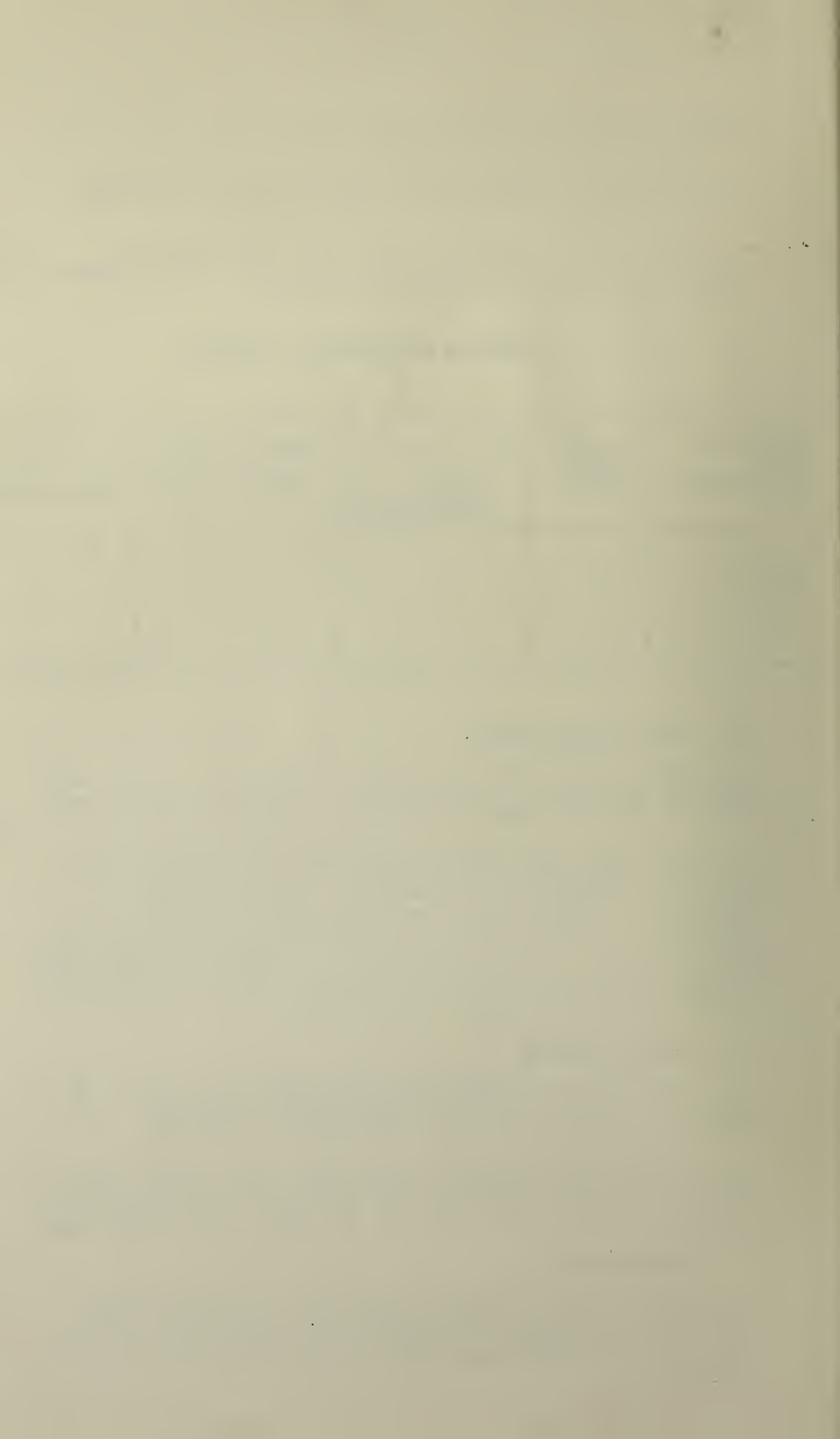
5. Camping Grounds.

There are seven camping grounds within the Urban District being licensed for a total of 608 moveable dwellings. The sites vary in size from 16 to 360 moveable dwellings.

Numerous inspections of these sites were carried out during the year, and the attention of the site owners drawn to any matters requiring attention. In all cases these matters were attended to without the necessity of formal action being taken.

6. Rodent Control.

The Council's Rodent Operator carried out 108 control treatments at premises during the year. Control measures were taken at frequent intervals on the refuse tips and sewer maintenance control treatments were carried out in May and November.



7. Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is one open air swimming pool in the district, controlled by the Council, the water being filtered and chlorinated sea water.

Bacteriological examination of the water during the summer season showed it to be "highly satisfactory".

8. Factories Acts 1937 and 1943.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspection.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupier Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	1	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i), in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	19	5	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	16	16	-	-
TOTAL:	36	21	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences Insufficient	1	1	-	1
TOTAL:	1	1	-	1

SECTION D. HOUSING.

1. Requisitioned Properties.

Nine properties, tenanted by thirteen families, were released from requisition during the year, resulting in no properties now being held under requisition by the Council.

2. Council Housing Estates.

(a) Park Road Estate.

Consists of 5 aged persons bungalows.

(b) Sea Lane Estate.

Consists of 8 duplex flats and 12 three bedroomed houses.

(c) The Sandringham.

Contains 12 self-contained flats.

(d) Hill Street Estate.

A further 12 three bedroom houses and 8 one bedroom bungalows were completed and occupied during the year, bringing the total of premises on this estate to 50 three bedroom houses, 62 two bedroom houses and 12 one bedroomed bungalows.

3. Private Houses.

The number of private houses completed and occupied during the year was 14.

17 units of accommodation have also been provided as a result of flat conversions.

4. Public Health and Housing Acts.

Number of complaints investigated ...	...	...	19
Number of inspections and re-inspections ..	...	...	36
Informal requests to carry out work	...	...	12
Work completed as a result of above	...	...	12
Statutory notices served	...	...	Nil.

5. Housing Act 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Twelve applications were received under the above Act during the year and grants agreed in respect of eleven of these applications.

Nine of the schemes were completed and one was in progress at the end of the year.

Twenty-nine visits and inspections were carried out in connection with these applications.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply.

There are no milk producers within the Urban District.

2. Ice Cream.

There are no manufacturers of ice-cream within the Urban District.

3. Meat and Other Foods Inspection.

A private slaughter house was licenced during the year and slaughtering commenced on November 8th, 1955. All carcasses were inspected.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or Part.

	Cattle (ex- cluding Cows)	Pigs
Number Killed	18	29
Number Inspected	18	29
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	3	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci ...	16.67%	3.10%
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>		
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.56%	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>		
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigerator	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil

Condemnation notes have been issued in respect of food inspected, other than at the slaughterhouse, for the following:-

Meat 96½ lbs: Tea 42 lbs: Pork Pies 24: Salad Cream 4 jars:
Tinned Fruit 38 tins: Tinned Milk 49 tins: Tinned vegetables 9 tins:
Tinned Meat 10 tins: Tinned Fish 2 tins: Tinned Sausages 1 tin:
Tinned Soup 1 tin:.

4. Food Premises.

Routine inspections were made of food premises including food preparing premises, cafes, hotel kitchens and ice cream premises. Attention was drawn to any defects found, all of which were remedied without formal action being taken.

SECTION "F".

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and provision of appropriate type sera: NONE.

Notifiable Diseases during 1955.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Measles	11	-	-
Jaundice	1	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S

New Cases and Mortality During 1955.

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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1 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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25 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

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